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RCPD, fraternities hold open discussion

Police explain why some parties get busted and some do not

Pauline Kennedy
campus editor

Presidents from fraternities across campus as well as several officers from the Riley County Police department gathered in the Flint Hills Room in the K-State Student Union yesterday to discuss tensions surrounding parties and underage drinking.

The Intrafraternity Council meeting was set up to open the lines of communication between campus chapters and Manhattan law enforcement after several fraternity members felt they were being unfairly targeted for breaking up and handing out citations at house parties.

"Our officers are not targeting fraternities; you can look at our statistics, you can look at our numbers," Lt. Mark French said. "What we're combating are large parties with minors consuming alcohol."

French said nearly one-third of the minor-in-possession citations officers have issued since the start of the semester were given out at non-greek parties.

During the discussion, officers talked both about how they choose which parties to stop at and about how they can compromise with fraternity leaders.

"If it looks like a party is getting out of hand, if we get there and it is out of hand, it's too late to do anything regarding trying to work with people," said Brad Schoen, director of the RCPD. "We've just got to do something to try to get it under control."

The officers discussed with the fraternity presidents exactly what they are looking for when they are patrolling.

"Don't hang blankets inside windows of certain rooms inside your place and have everybody run to that room when the cops drive by," Schoen said. "We figure out pretty quickly why those are there."

That, along with making excessive noise, posting lookouts and having intoxicated people outside in the streets, is enough to make police officers aware of out-of-control parties.

"The key is staying off the radar screen," Schoen said.

During the meeting, they also discussed the importance of re-

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OIL AND TOIL

K-State graduate contributes to clean-up in gulf

Sam Diederich
staff writer

For most recent college graduates, the first few months after school can be filled with anticipation, boredom and worry that an opportunity to do important work may never present itself. For Matthew Hosey, K-State alumnus in geography, opportunity found him in the most unlikely of places.

"After graduation, I was bartending at Kite's in Junction City until I found out what I was going to do next, and I got an e-mail from a guy at the Army Corps of Engineers that said a job was open down there," Hosey said.

"Down there" is Mobile, Ala., one of the two operational centers responsible for coordinating and executing the cleanup of the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Hosey wasted no time in applying, and re-applying, for the opportunity to get hands-on in the cleanup efforts.

"As soon as I found out, I lit up the guy in charge of hiring. He told me they were done hiring, but I kept sending him e-mails," Hosey said. "I basically asked him how often I could bug him without really irritating him."

Hosey's persistence paid off. He was hired as a geographic information systems analyst in charge of using computer software to create and update maps of the oil's movement through the gulf waters. The job was not an easy one.

"I had to learn a lot, just when I got down there, about the process of making maps and the daily duties of updating maps," Hosey said. "All I did was work. I worked 12- and 14-hour days. One day I worked almost 17 hours. There is something to be done around the clock."

Luckily for Hosey, experience gained from cleaning up a different variety of spills had prepared him for the chaos of the oil spill work environment.

"Honestly, the bartending job helped because I was ready for dealing with all kinds of excited people," Hosey said. "I knew how to calm my nerves on the job. That was one of the biggest things that prepared me on how to deal with the pressure."

Of course, Hosey also picked up some valuable experience as a geography student at K-State. As a geographic information systems analyst, Hosey was working with a program he had become familiar with during his undergraduate years.

"GIS, at its simplest, is a computer-based mapping and analysis program," said Shawn Hutchinson, associate professor of geography and director for the Geographic Information Systems Spatial Analysis Laboratory. "We can get a snapshot or multiple snapshots on a daily basis of what current conditions are like, and using that, we can get a handle on what future conditions will be like."

He said Hosey's area of study primed him for exactly this kind of work.

"Matthew, in his capacity with the BP oil spill, was leveraging his skills with that system to inform leaders about where oil slicks were heading," Hutchinson said. "It didn't surprise me that he was able to make such a big difference with the preparation he was given."

Chuck Martin, professor of geography, was also not surprised by Hosey's ability to contribute to the cleanup efforts.

"He always enjoyed working with maps and GIS and automated cartography," Martin said. "When doing those projects, you could see that he was really into it, because he invested time and energy. If he ever found a place to use those skills, I knew he would be very successful."

And Hosey was successful. Not only were his maps used by CNN during coverage of the spill, but they were also presented by Hosey himself to some of the individuals in charge of cleanup efforts.

"Every day at 6 a.m., I was sitting in this room with 50 or 60 of the top personnel behind me, and they would make decisions based on our presentations," Hosey said. "If I didn't know what I was doing, the whole room would just go quiet and wait for me."

After two months of working in the gulf, Hosey was released from his position as part of a rollback in cleanup efforts, but the experience of being in such a hectic and important environment gave him the confidence needed to continue to work in his field.

"Going down there and knowing you can succeed in any environment makes you want to stay away from Kansas," he said. "I don't mean that in a bad way, because I love Kansas and my family and my friends, but part of working in geography is traveling. I've got that first experience, and now I'm ready for another."

All-University Campaign kicks off with annual ice cream social

Jeff Pfannenstiel, associate director of annual giving at the KSU Foundation, scoops chocolate ice cream into a cup held by **Kimberly Baccus**, annual campaign coordinator for the Foundation. Pfannenstiel said it was the coldest ice cream he had ever scooped.

Tiffany Roney
Collegian

Crowds enjoy more than 50 gallons of ice cream

Katie Reilley
junior staff writer

Despite Thursday's rainy weather and a last-minute location change, the All-University Campaign Kickoff Ice Cream Social surged on and served over 50 gallons of Call Hall ice cream to students, faculty and supporters.

The annual ice cream social, which traditionally occurs around the second week of September, was originally to be held at Bosco Plaza, but was moved to a back-up location in the Engineering Complex atrium due to the rain.

"It's been great being here in the Engineering Complex," said Jeff Pfannenstiel, associate director of annual giving and student programs at the KSU Foundation, who spent the afternoon scooping out ice cream.

Call Hall ice cream lovers agreed.

"We heard there was an ice cream social, so we decided to come out," said Morgan Peelen, junior in open option, who attended with two friends. "We love Call Hall."

Another student, Allison Burghart, junior in social work, also came with a group of friends before class after seeing her teacher with ice cream. "Our teacher wanted us to come support the Foundation," she said.

The All-University Campaign, which is a fundraising effort run by campus faculty and volunteers, is looking to increase last year's record-breaking results of $2 million donated by faculty and staff members. Donators can choose what area to support.

For more information on the All-University Campaign fund, go to *www.found.ksu.edu/alluniversity*.

New women's fraternity chapter to begin on campus

Zeta Tau Alpha promotes awareness, starts recruitment next week

Tim Schrag
senior staff writer

The enormous 10 pink ribbons spread across campus Thursday were not only there to promote breast cancer awareness; they also signify that Zeta Tau Alpha has arrived on campus.

Consultants from the Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity for women's national organization handed out more than 700 pink ribbons, candy and cookies in support of breast cancer awareness in Bosco Student Plaza. The group, with the help of Willie the Wildcat, also had people fill out paper ribbons with names of loved ones who had or have breast cancer.

Sharon Binford, traveling leadership consultant for Zeta Tau Alpha, said the group was celebrating "Think Pink, Think Zeta" week as a way to introduce the sorority's philanthropy to campus.

"We just want to spread awareness about breast cancer in any way we can," Binford said. "Early detection is the best protection."

Binford said the group has been on campus for the last two weeks to promote K-State's newest sorority on campus.

"So the past couple of weeks, we've been doing some PR about our organization and this week was about our philanthropy," said Kat Lopez, national consultant for Zeta Tau Alpha. "We wanted to bring that to K-State a little bit."

Lopez said she cannot count the number of people she and the other consultants have talked to about their organization.

"We've been talking to everybody, kind of: girls, guys, staff members, workers in the Union, just kind of everybody we could talk to,"

Binford and Lopez said next week will mark the formal recruitment process, culminating

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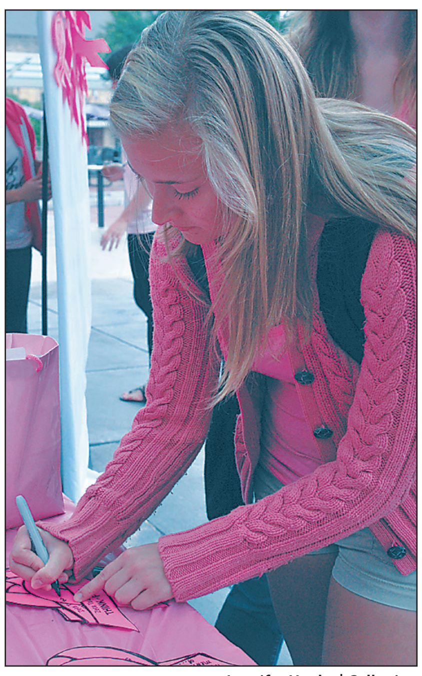

Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

Joy Barnes, freshman in microbiology dedicates a pink ribbon during the Zeta Tau Alpha Think Pink campaign in Bosco Plaza on Thursday afternoon.

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- Sept. 12 - Between 1 and 8 p.m.

- Sept. 13 and 14 - Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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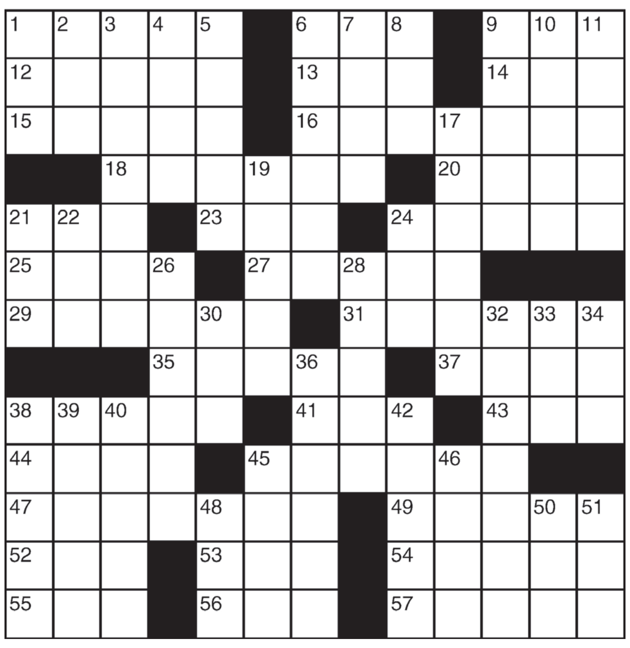

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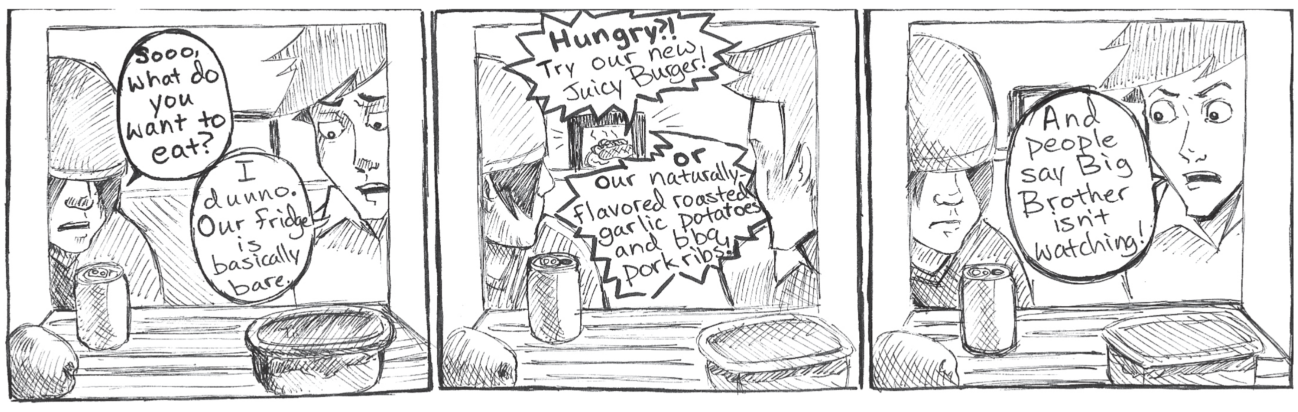

POLICE REPORTS

Austin Enns
staff writer

MAN STABBED, TRANSPORTED

A local man was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center on Thursday morning after receiving stab wounds to his chest and left leg, said Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the Riley County Police Department.

Police received two calls at about 1:20 a.m. on Thursday morning, one from the victim, Charles Pronold, 26, and one from the suspect, a 21-year-old local woman, asking for emergency help for Pronold, according to the report.

The incident, which occurred in the 200 block of 14th Street, started as a minor fight, Moldrup said.

The man and woman knew each other, according to the report.

Moldrup said Pronold was in intensive care at Mercy.

The woman also visited the hospital, receiving stitches for an injury to her right leg, according to the report.

SEX OFFENSE REPORTED

Police are investigating a report that a 35-year-old man committed a sex offense by having indecent liberties with a child.

The victim, a 4-year-old Ogden boy, and the suspect knew each other, according to a police report. Moldrup said the incident occurred sometime Monday.

A NOTE FROM COACH

To: K-State & Students,

On behalf of our players, coaches and support staff, I thank you for your loyal, caring and helpful support. On game day, you have always played a major role in the successes we have had. That was true again this past Saturday against UCLA. We greatly appreciate you. We hope to see you back at the stadium supporting your fellow students for the remainder of the season.

Gratefully,
Coach Snyder & Sean Snyder

WEEKLY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

Preston Tyrone Davis, of the 300 block of Denison Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at $750.

Dustin Gregory Hesteande, of the 1400 block of Harry Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at $750.

Anthony Ray Moss, of the 2100 block of Patricia Place, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at $2,500.

THURSDAY

Marsha Ruth Ioerger, of the 700 block of Leavenworth Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at $1,500.

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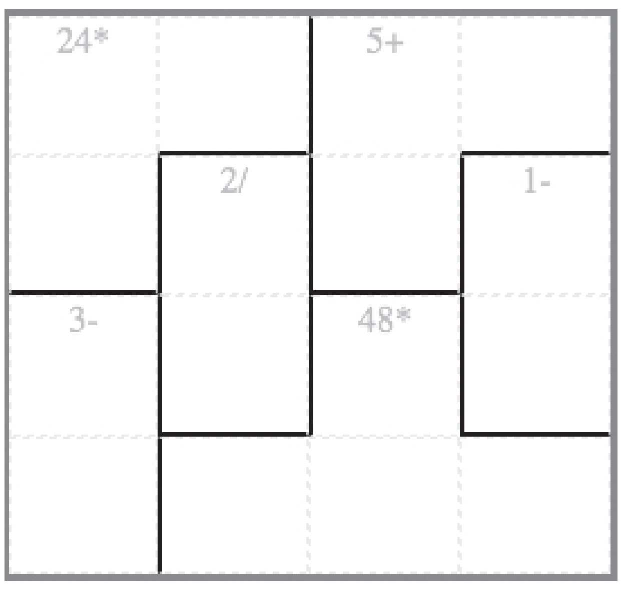

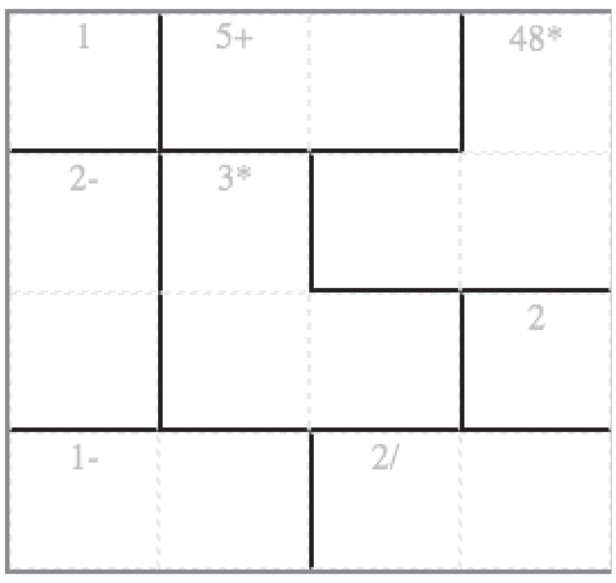

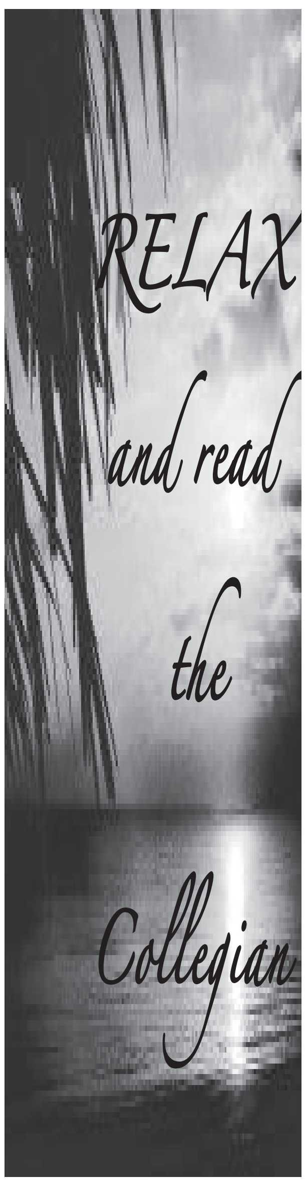

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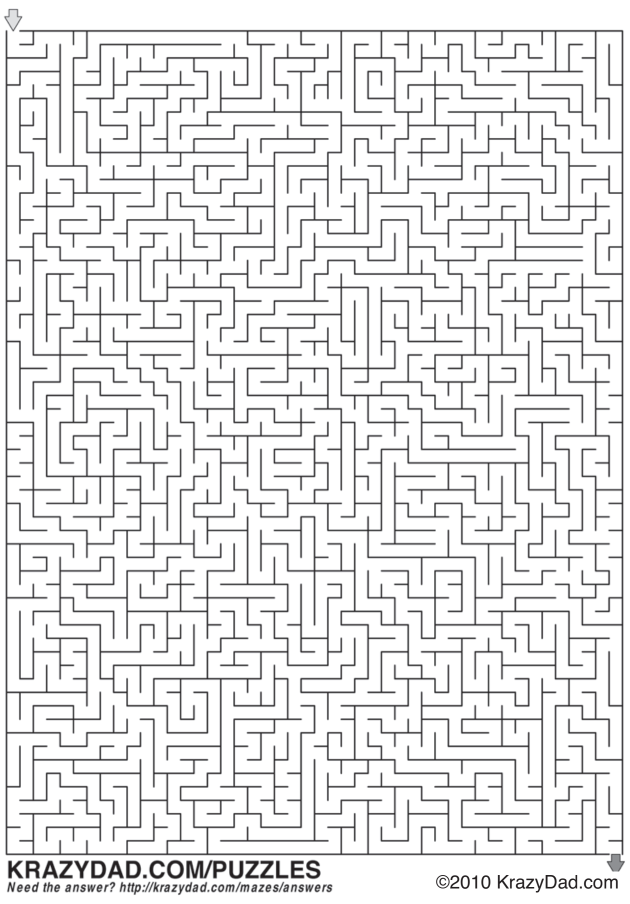

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Massed bands to march through Manhattan this Saturday

High school marching bands to join K-State's on the football field

Matthew Finley
junior staff writer

On Saturday, the K-State Marching Band will be hosting its annual Band Day, where high school bands from across Kansas will come to K-State to participate in a parade through downtown and a halftime performance at the football game.

This year, 22 marching bands will swell the ranks of the marching band, adding 2,000 members to the more than 300 Wildcat musicians and providing an additional student section for the football team.

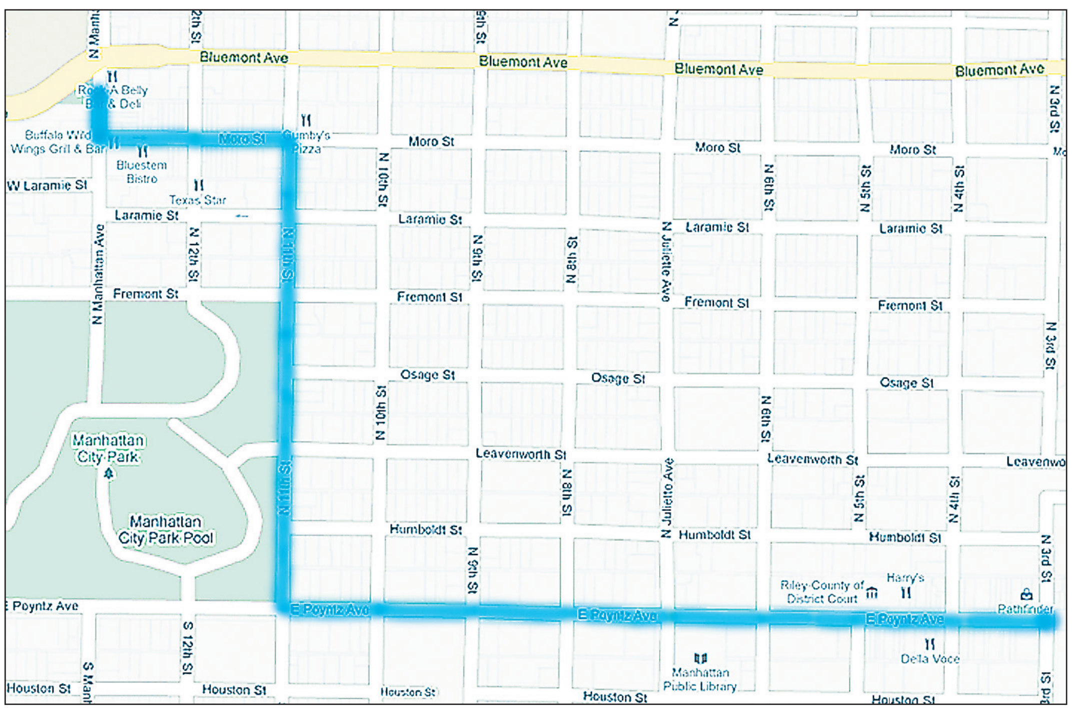
Although organizing Band Day is a feat of logistics, Frank Tracz, director of bands, said he enjoys what the event means to the students.

"For most of these kids, this is the first time they've been introduced to a college atmosphere, and it's a big deal, a big atmosphere," he said.

Band members get into the game free and rehearse and play a program of music in formation with the K-State Marching Band. Selections this year will include "Brown-Eyed Girl," "Sweet Caroline," "You Keep Me Hanging On" and the "1812 Overture," and as a finale, a massed band "Wildcat Victory."

The parade is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. at Triangle Park, near Aggieville, with the bands marching down 11th Street, and then following Poyntz Avenue to Manhattan Town Center.

The K-State-Missouri State kickoff is set for 6:10 p.m., with the marching band providing pregame entertainment, and the massed band to follow at halftime.



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University begins NCAA accreditation renewal process

Certification decision to be reached in April 2010

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

Every 10 years, K-State must complete a self-review process to renew its NCAA accreditation, said Ruth Dyer, senior vice-provost. This year marks the third time K-State has participated in the self-review process.

In 2002, K-State was awarded full NCAA certification with no conditions attached, which is the highest certification level offered by the NCAA.

Certification includes not only the athletic side, but also the academic side, Dyer said. Often, students think of the NCAA as a collegiate sports governing body.

Dyer, a member of the Self-Review Steering Committee, gave a presentation last night at the Student Senate meeting.

Colleges actively participate in the NCAA organization in forming regulations and providing accreditation.

Accreditation, Dyer said, assures the public and students K-State is meeting the standards expected of it.

It also helps K-State to be more self-aware and highlights areas of possible improvement, Dyer said. With the review process, students, faculty, administration and community members have the ability to offer input on K-State's performance.

"We gather input from the campus to demonstrate that the university is meeting standards," Dyer said. "Then we respond to the self-study items and submit the report to the NCAA."

Two of the self-study items the community will review include K-State's governance and commitment to rules and its academic integrity, she said. The committee has 22 members appointed according to NCAA specifications.

The committee began the process in 2009 and Sun. 8:30 with a videoconference between campus administration and NCAA officials. This month, the committee will begin holding open-campus meetings to gather input.

This fall, Dyer said, a peer review visit will take place. Following that, the NCAA will announce its certification decision in April 2012.

Danny Unruh, student body president, asked Dyer if controversies during the Wefald administration would affect the NCAA self-review.

"We will certainly have to address a number of issues in the self review process," Dyer said.

Jodi Kaus, program manager of Powercat Financial Counseling, presented SGA with the 2010 Human Ecology Partner Award. SGA helped the counseling program get off the ground last year.

The program was the first of its kind last year, Kaus said.

"It generated a lot of media attention because it was so unique," Kaus said.

They have 13 student counselors that help students with financial problems and dispense advice, said Kyle Landau, senior in finance, accounting and marketing, and member of the student advisory board for the counseling service. The program faces a problem, however, since it is so new.

Despite advertising at 64 campus events and speaking at the residence halls, many students are not aware of the service they offer, he said.

Even so, Kaus said the program is off to a great start. They have had over 2,000 clients and have held 63 workshops.

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Brandon Blount
SENIOR, ATHLETIC TRAINING

"I would go to Barcelona, Spain, to experience the culture."

Karmen Harris
JUNIOR, INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

"Japan, because I think the Japanese are really interesting people, and the culture's really different."

Aaron Gatz
SENIOR, MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

"I would go to Brazil, because I love the culture and there's a type of dance I'd really like to pick up."

Tyrone Williams
JUNIOR, DANCE, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, SOCIAL ECONOMY

"I would go to Paris, because it's the fashion capitol of the world, and I'm super obsessed with fashion."

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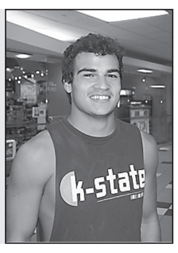
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China misses the point in hatred of concubines

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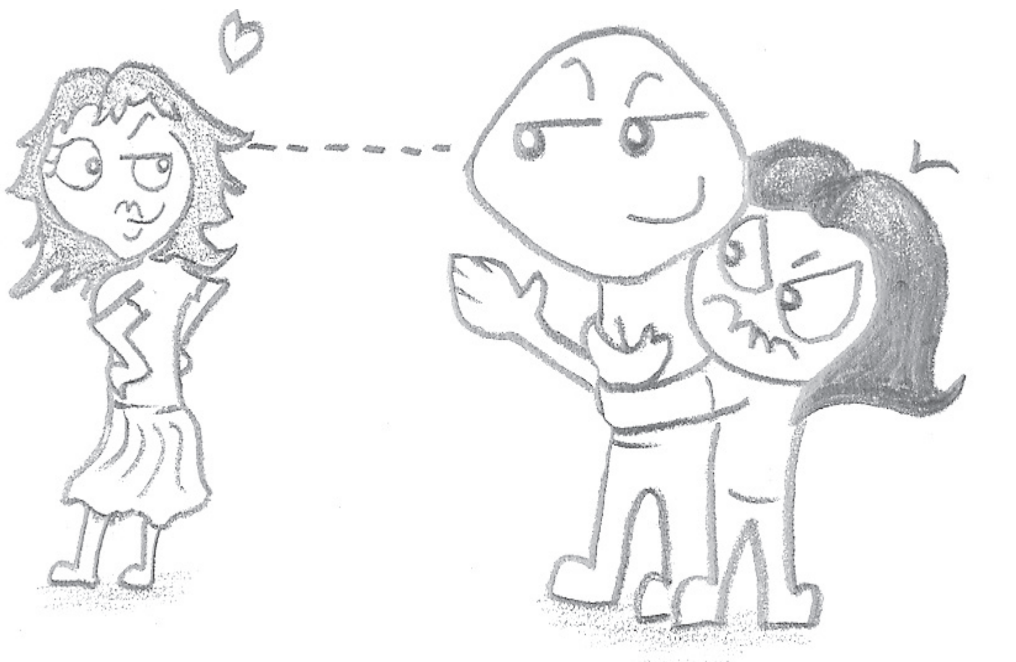
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In the mid-1990s, concubines began reappearing in China and have been growing more popular ever since. The concubine phenomenon is an extension of China's male chauvinism mentality in society. This mentality has resided in the minds of men and women for thousands of years and it never died, even after the foundation of communist China.

As harsh government laws against affairs outside legal marriage have lifted, and more and more people can afford luxury, concubines are making an inevitable comeback. While concubinage was equivalent to polygamy in the old feudal society, China's concubine phenomenon nowadays is a mixture of prostitution and polygamy at the same time.

When a married man pays a single girl to have an exclusive affair with him for a long period of time, the girl is called his concubine. She is given steady pay on top of other bonuses, sometimes a house, car or extra cash. There are even agents that connect married men with concubines.

China's insufficient educational investment, industrial structure and gender discrimination in the workplace have played a role, too. It is almost impossible for a Chinese student to support him- or herself through college solely on grants and normal part-time jobs. Women have a harder time than men looking for employment after graduation. This situation drives some young girls to become concubines.

There is an old Chinese saying: "It is the poor that should be laughed at rather than the prostitutes." This proverb can be used to describe China's current society, but I think it is inaccurate. In my opinion, our culture despises both the poor and the prostitutes, but not the men who solicit prostitution.

While people might despise and look down on prostitutes, they have a passionate hatred towards concubines. As observed from multiple major Internet forums, wherever concubines are mentioned, people aggressively wish misfortune upon them, applaud when misfortune strikes them and verbally attack people who show them sympathy.

Why are concubines than prostitutes, as if they are public enemies? I believe there are several reasons.

The Chinese society is used to seeing women who defy the "ethical code" lead miserable and doomed lives. The typical prostitute's life involves a degrading reputation, going to jail, being beaten up, STDs, poverty and, later, a lonely death. People tend to prefer things this way to keep the majority of women within "public order."

While paid concubines break the public order as much as other prostitutes do, they do not necessarily suffer from any of the above. Instead, they are kept in houses or apartments by themselves and serve only one man over a long period of time. It is easier for them to protect their reputation, and the chance of being caught by the police is lower. Moreover, they may still have their regular college life or a normal job. They may go on with their normal lives after leaving the man who paid for their college and get married just like any other woman. Some may even replace the man's wife. Because of all this, a concubine's "easy life" tends to outrage people.

A man's hatred toward concubines is a reflection of the contradiction between the common man and the rich. As polarization between the rich and poor intensifies, and as more women postpone marriage to focus on gaining financial stability, many men feel that rich men with concubines take away dating and marriage opportunities. However, the leftovers of feudal hierarchy in China's public mentality also make the common man feel underprivileged. So, these men tend to direct their hatred toward the concubines instead.

Women, especially married women, hate concubines because they believe concubines threaten their marriage and financial safety. Their worries are reasonable; a man's long-term adultery with one woman could damage the feelings toward his wife, not to mention that he could use the joint estate within the marriage to support his adultery. But once women find out about their husbands' concubines, instead of leaving the cheating men, they try to hold onto their marriages and defend their husbands. Most of their anger is directed toward the concubines, as if the concubines are responsible for their husbands' misconduct.

The public's hatred toward concubines has also permeated into court, affecting judicial fairness. According to a Chinese website, in 2007, a woman suspected her husband's female friend was his concubine and beat her up. Although no evidence proved the victim was a concubine, the court made the victim pay 30 percent of her own medical bill. The victim's appeal was rejected based on "practice of good public custom." A survey case showed that 29.17 percent of people believed the wife should be responsible for the medical bill.

There have also been cases where the man or his wife sued the concubine to get their money back after paying them. The court often supported the plaintiffs and ordered the concubines to return the money.

To me, this looks ridiculous. If paying a concubine is not considered soliciting prostitution, the concubine shouldn't be obligated to return money that is gifted to her. If it is, the money should be confiscated by the court and neither the man nor the concubine should have it. What does the court accomplish by granting the money back to the man? Rewarding his behavior with free sex?

There is no doubt that we should strive to eliminate prostitution — which is a woman-degrading profession — from our society. But concubine hatred is going to get us nowhere. It only makes us lose focus on the real root of the problem, and at the same time harms the fairness of both our law and our moral standards. The concubine phenomenon will only start fading when the whole society starts despising the men who buy concubines.

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God: A Song of Opposites

Mausam Kalita

What is God's identity?
Are His eyes black, brown, green or blue?
Is He Muslim, Christian, Hindu; a capitalist or a communist?
Is He omnipresent, omniscient or just struggle to survive?

If He is Allah,
Does He still supply 72 virgin to the jihadists?
Does He still want blood of Christians, Jews and Hindus?
Did He dance fanatically at the stoning of Soraya?
Did He laugh at the death of thousands in 9/11?

If He is God,
Does He still procreate His son in a virgin's womb?
Does He still want His monolithic kingdom?
Did He weep for those children abused in church?
Did He take sides when Muslims were violated in Srebrenica?

If He is Bhagwan,
Does He belong to the higher caste or lower caste?
Does He still punish us with the cycle of reincarnations?
Did He applaud when Babri Mosque was demolished?
Did He care when missionaries were burnt?

If He is capitalist,
Is His wealth swollen by the cry of destitute?
If He is communist,
He seems to love to control everything, even freedom.

If He is eternal, if He is the only One,
Why is the eternal One limited to
A three-dimensional song of opposites?

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Interviews awkward in locker room

Ashley Dunkak

I wrote about sports for four years in high school, and for my first year in college, which was last year. During all that time I had never been in the men's locker room. On Saturday, that changed.

My assignment was to get quotes from UCLA players. This wasn't the first time I had talked to visiting athletes, but usually their sports information director stops them before they get on the bus so reporters have a chance to interview them. UCLA, however, has an open locker room policy.

Let me begin by saying I don't understand why reporters — male or female — are ever allowed in locker rooms in the first place. It would seem to me that 1. No athlete wants people asking questions when he is trying to get dressed and 2. No one wants to question people who are still in the process of getting dressed.

Maybe it's just me, but a humid, loud place that calls for stepping strategically through masses of gym bags and sweaty shorts and towels, looking intently at the ceiling or the sticky floor to avoid seeing anything that wouldn't be allowed in a PG-13 movie, doesn't seem like an environment conducive to sound, meaningful reporting.

The UCLA players to whom I and the other reporters spoke answered all questions politely — one even broke into a grin and marveled about how great the atmosphere at K-State is — and did not seem particularly fazed by us being there. As for all the other players around, I don't know, because I paid attention only to the faces of those I was interviewing and nothing else. Any looks or remarks from the peanut gallery were lost on me.

As I said, the interviews themselves were fine. In general, though, I'm not a big fan of too many people in small areas. When the majority of the people are half-clothed, at best, it's plain ol' awkward.

Obviously I speak from a woman's perspective, but I can't believe it to be comfortable for male reporters to go up and start questioning someone wearing only a towel or underwear either.

I wouldn't want a man interviewing me in a locker room, and I can see how men wouldn't want to be interviewed by a woman in a locker room. However, since women have sportswriting jobs too, that happens.

Equal opportunity is a blessing, but in these circumstances, it would be better for all parties if schools and teams allowed for interview sessions after everyone is clean and clothed. That way, athletes have their privacy, and reporters don't feel like jerks for invading that privacy.

That's the way K-State does it, and I have to say, I think that's the right way.

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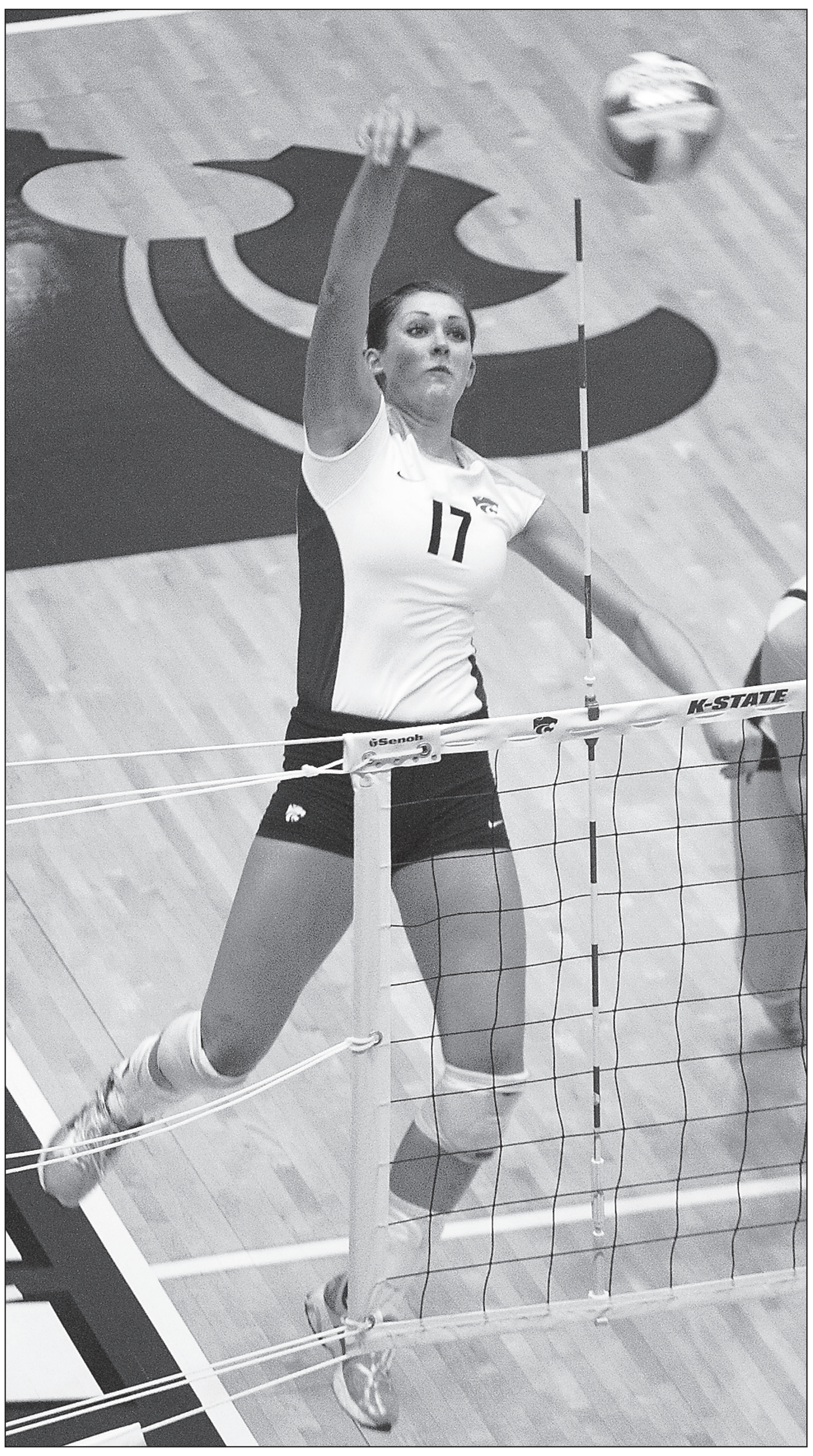
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Kaitlynn Pelger, freshman middle blocker, spikes the ball against Oral Roberts on Friday evening in Ahearn Field House. The team swept last weekend's tournament.

Volleyball looks to sweep third tourney

Sam Nearhood
staff writer

Early Wednesday morning, the K-State volleyball team loaded onto the bus headed for Kansas City, the first leg of their journey to the Kentucky Invitational.

This weekend, K-State (4-3) will end non-conference play with another three-match tournament. Playing first Friday morning at 10 is No. 17 Florida State University (5-1). After a few hours of resting time, the team will take on Virginia Commonwealth University (1-6) at 4 p.m. On Saturday at 4 p.m., K-State will close the tournament against the No. 16 team, University of Kentucky (4-3).

K-State ended its own invitational last weekend with three straight sweeps, which head coach Suzie Fritz said was crucial to take before conference play.

"We're moving in the right direction, and we're gaining momentum," Fritz said. "I think having the success we did hopefully gives us a little bit of confidence going into what I believe will be a more difficult weekend than this past weekend."

For the first match, K-State has history on its side. In the previous two matches between teams, the Wildcats swept the Seminoles, first in 2003, then in 2005. K-State has never competed against Virginia Commonwealth before, but the Rams' record so far does not say much for the team's chances in the second match. The last match will be a chance for K-State to get revenge. Last season, Kentucky took down K-State in four games at the Varney's Invitational, showing themselves as possibly the strongest team in that tournament. This time, K-State is the visitor and has a new opportunity to prove who is the better team.

For the Seminole offense, junior outside hitter Visnja Djurdjevic — one of eight international players on Florida State's roster — leads the books with 3.70 kills per game and six aces, both team highs. For the defense in the front row, however, Djurdjevic is not strong. That job is mostly accomplished by sophomore middle blocker Marija Milosavljevic, who, like Djurdjevic, is from Serbia and spent her freshman year at Tulane University. In the back row, senior libero Jenna Romanelli holds down the fort with 3.65 digs per game, nearing the mark for a top-10 Florida State record.

The Virginia Commonwealth Rams have had a challenging non-conference schedule this year, but their numbers are still going strong. Defensively, sophomore libero Mariso Low, still relatively new to her position, is recording a team-high 3.46 digs per game, putting her on par with the other teams. In the front row, middle blockers Courtney Hott and Kelsie Clegg have each garnered over 0.88 blocks per game, but the main attacking is handled by senior Mariel Frey — who can claim a home in both the middle blocker and outside hitter position — with 3.04 kills per game.

Kentucky has hit a sweet spot in its schedule recently, dropping four of the last five teams, including Ohio State. The blue-clad Wildcats will rely on a number of players to rack up the points, most notably redshirt freshman outside hitter Whitney Billings, who has already earned 3.11 kills per game. However, her .132 hitting percentage might give away more points than Kentucky would like. To back her up, another redshirt freshman, middle blocker Alexandra Morgan, will use her 1.24 blocks per game to stop the frontal assault across the

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Water skiing team optimistic despite lack of equipment

Club plans to restore ramp after 10 years in storage

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

At one time, K-State had some of the best waterskiers in the country. Now the water skiing team is making strides to rebuild the once great program.

The KSU Water Ski Team, a sport club, competes against other schools across the nation, as every club team does. They attend competitions in Iowa, Chicago and throughout the Midwest.

The K-State team has its own ramp, but it has been in storage for 10 years. This year, team members are putting it back together. It currently sits on the side of the lake.

Without the ramp, the team does not have adequate practice facilities to prepare fully for tournaments. Compared to KU and other large universities, K-State's water skiing club lags behind. KU, for example, has a private lake for its water skiing team to practice on.

A lack of proper facilities makes it difficult to recruit high school and transfer students, said Michael Newth, team president.

"We can't offer what they want," he said. "We don't have the equipment or facilities."

Adequate facilities aside, the team has fun with the sport, Newth said. Members regularly hold cookouts at the lake.

"It's a phenomenal time," said Trevor Huppert, team member since last fall. "Spending the weekend out on a boat, getting pulled behind it, I don't think there's anything better."

Courtesy photo from Michael Newth

Michael Newth practices slalom skiing for the upcoming tournament at Missouri State.

Each competition they attend costs $30 per skier. With 10 members competing, the entry fees alone drain the team's $2,000 account it receives from Recreational Services. The remainder of the money needed to operate is provided out of pocket by members and fundraisers throughout the year.

They also look to community members to provide boats for them to practice with at Tuttle Lake.

When they practice, they work on three different areas of competition: slalom, trick skiing and ski jumping. In slalom, the skier rides across buoys using only one specialized ski. Trick skiing features a skier attempting to perform tricks in the water. And for jump skiing, the boat pulls the skier alongside a large wooden ramp, Newth said.

Jumping is often difficult for newcomers to the sport, he said. Remembering "knees, trees and freeze" helped him when

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Men's golf team to open season in Indiana

Three of top four positions held by freshmen

Tyler Scott
staff writer

On Saturday afternoon, the men's golf team will compete in its first tournament of the season, the Wolf Run Intercollegiate in Zionsville, Ind.

This year's team consists of only two seniors but has other players that have stepped up in the past. Jason Schulte, senior in business, said the team has a good amount of experience.

"We have four freshman on this team that are capable of showing some leadership," Schulte said. "It will really drive the team with knowing the course conditions and shooting the scores we all know we can."

Head coach Tim Norris said the leadership will have to come from the best players, no matter what class they are.

"The freshman have stepped up and played very well," he said. "Hopefully that will spur on the other guys a little bit to play better."

Adding to the fact the team is young, Norris said after the members competed in a qualifying event, three of the top four positions were held by freshmen.

"Golf is a confidence game, and it's nice to see them get started on the right foot," Norris said. "It will be interesting to see if they can take their game on the road and compete."

The team also began last season at the Wolf Run Intercollegiate. Local opponents include two other Big 12 teams, Missouri and Iowa State. A few Big 10 schools will also take the links; among those are Indiana, Michigan, Northwestern, Illinois and Penn State.

Norris said he hopes to see some good things from the players this weekend.

"I want to see the things we have applied in practice," he said. "Sometimes there's temptation to do fancy things we haven't done before. Being on this course the second time around, hopefully they will pick up a lot of what they've been doing throughout their career."

The tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Fans interested in keeping up with the results can visit *kstatesports.com* for round-by-round coverage.

Equestrian team reflects on riding experience as season approaches

After a successful year, team to move to full varsity schedule

Marshall Frey
staff writer

While the K-State equestrian team might not receive as much time in the spotlight as the football or basketball teams, it is just as competitive in its sport. In fact, the success of the K-State equestrian team might be one of the best-kept secrets on campus. Last season concluded with the Wildcats finishing second in the nation at the Varsity Equestrian Championships behind Texas A&M.

This season has brought changes for Wildcat riders, including a new home arena at TimberCreek Stables and a move to a full varsity schedule.

For some riders, the sport is passed down through the family ranks. A good number of riders have family members who also competed in the equestrian sport. This was the case for Tiana Shelton, junior in life sciences.

"My dad grew up with horses and competed in high school rodeo," Shelton said. "When I was born, he got back into horses. Showing was something that caught my interest when I was younger, and it became my hobby."

For others, like sophomore Whitney Unkefer, earlier involvement came in the form of a 4-H club.

"When I was 8, my mom got me involved with the 4-H program," Unkefer said. "I really wanted to be involved with the horse aspects of 4-H. My director had a little pony that she let me show, and I began taking lessons. I haven't stopped since."

For other athletes, the sport provides an opportunity to display their passion. One of these is Rebecca Wallisch, junior in elementary education.

"My favorite part about riding for K-state is getting to do what I love every day, which is riding horses," she said. "I have also been able to meet a lot of really cool people."

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Equestrianism can be a whole new experience for athletes, one that requires some background information. There are two different divisions for riders to compete in: western and Hunter Seat.

On the western side, riders can compete in either the horsemanship or reining events. Horsemanship is judged on the rider's ability to maintain the correct position while controlling the horse in a pre-determined pattern, which could consist of a variety of maneuvers. The reining event is similar, as riders again must perform a pre-designated pattern. However, the pattern is different in that riders are required to perform stops, spins and circles at various speeds.

The Hunter Seat division also has two events for riders to compete in, Equitation on the Flat and Equitation over Fences. In the flat class, riders are judged on their ability to maintain the correct position on the horse while putting it through a pre-determined test in a dressage arena. The test could include a wide range of maneuvers, including a walk, canter and trot or directing the horse to stop, back up or change directions. In the fence class, riders are scored on their ability to position the horse correctly on jumps while maintaining good riding posture. The fence class typically will consist of eight to 10 fences.

The overall team score is based on riders matching up head-to-head in their respective competitions. A win constitutes one point for the rider's team. The team with the highest overall score at the end of the competition wins.

K-State will begin its equestrian season on the road in two weeks, opening at Auburn University in Alabama. The first home event of the season is scheduled for Oct. 15, when the Wildcats take on Big 12 opponent Baylor at TimberCreek Stables.

Time away: life abroad in Spain with Amelia Hodges

Elena Buckner
edge editor

This interview is part of our weekly series on international life and travel, featuring K-State students who have experienced studying abroad, international students studying at K-State and students living and studying in their own countries worldwide.

Amelia Hodges, a senior in Spanish and electrical engineering, studied in Malaga, Spain, for the fall 2009 semester.

Q. What kind of accommodation did you have? What did you do for food?

I stayed with a host family. I had a roommate from Florida who was also in the [International Studies Abroad] program. The room was quite small; the two beds in between a nightstand filled the room nicely. We shared a chest of drawers, with a TV and DVD player on top of it. There was a table with one chair and two wardrobes. We could also walk out on the balcony. The bathroom was decent sized and we kept our toiletries there.

The kitchen was small, but was not a problem. We did not have to cook; the only time we spent in the kitchen was for breakfast. The two of us were up before our host parents. We'd have toast and a pastry for breakfast with a cup of tea and juice.

For lunch, we would have our three-course meal. Typically, the first was soup, sometimes salad. The second was the main course, which was similar to the variety we see in the U.S. Garbanzo bean soup, spaghetti and *paella* were our favorites. French fries were also popular — homemade of course.

Dinner was similar to lunch but a little lighter. Pizza was common for dinner.

Q. How did the class/instructor interaction compare to K-State? Did the cultural barrier make it hard to learn?

Since I went to study Spanish and learn more about Spanish culture, I was not too surprised. I think my Spanish classes prepared me for spending a semester, or even longer, in Spain. The interaction in the classroom was similar to what I've experienced in Spanish classes here at K-State. They were small and personal classes. You could discuss things that were going on in the world or in the classroom. Jokes were common; it was a fun environment.

Q. What did you do on weekends?

Most of my weekends were spent traveling. ISA had excursions every other weekend, or so it seemed. Most other weekends I'd travel with friends. Places I visited include Madrid, Toledo, Sevilla, Granada, Cordoba, Ronda, Neja, Marbella (all in Spain); Morocco, Africa; Rome, Italy; and Northern Ireland. In Malaga, we would go to the beach or visit the clubs. I also tried to make it to church each Sunday I was in town.

Q. Did you date at all? Was there a difference in male/female interactions?

No experience in the dating scene. Most interactions I experienced were similar to what you would find in the U.S. People are people no matter what part of the world they are in.

Q. What was the biggest difference from K-State/biggest adjustment you had to make?

Manhattan is rural. Malaga is urban. It was a little difficult for me to make the adjustment because of my personal preference of smaller communities. The pace of life was also much slower. I had more free time to think and talk to people, more than when I'm in the States. I didn't always make the best use of my free time because I'm used to having a busy schedule.

Q. What was your favorite thing about the culture?

I love the family-oriented nature of Hispanic culture. In the U.S. we, as a nation, are not as focused on family — we are not as close to our relatives. My host parents' grown sons would stop by at least every other week to visit their parents.

I also appreciated the acceptance in Spanish culture. They are open to new ideas and learning new things about different cultures. Many components of Spanish culture came from other cultures. The Arabs had a great impact on Spanish culture. Spanish culture is so rich and complex.

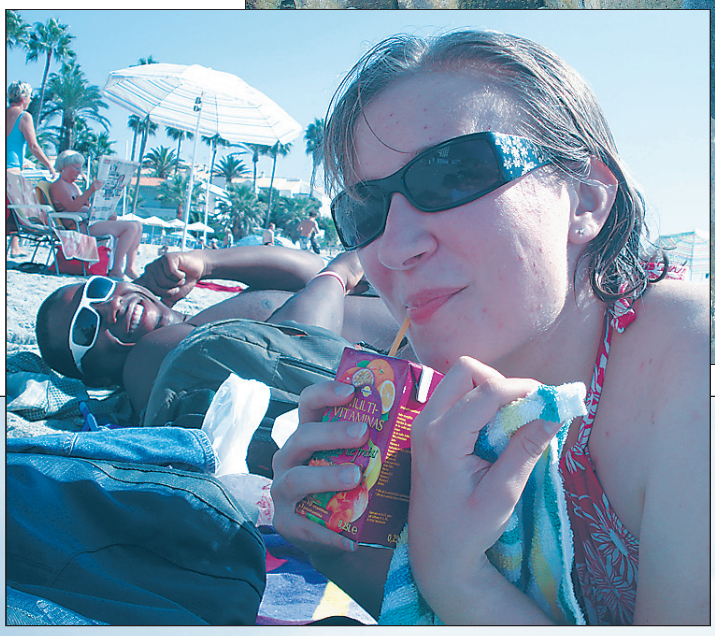
Q. How popular were tobacco and other drugs?

Smoking was common. Both of my host parents smoked as well as many of my fellow students from other European countries. Hookah was also popular. You could find quite a few hookah bars, though I'm not sure there was one in Malaga.

Q. What did you miss most about the United States/K-State? What do you miss most about Spain now?

When I got home the thing I wanted most was BBQ, because I hadn't had any while I was in Spain. I also missed Chipotle and Mexican food in general. I kind of missed knowing where to find things. And of course, I missed my family and friends. Last but not least, I missed the feel of K-State.

Now that I'm back in the U.S., I miss my host family and the food in Spain. I haven't had paella since I returned to the States. Also, the seafood is much better there, which is to be expected — this is Kansas after all. Finally, I miss being able to travel every weekend and see something new.



Flying can be cheap, time-efficient travel method

Using flexible dates and destinations can lead to low-cost vacations

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edge editor

For lifelong Kansans, road trips often seem to be the only option for a cheap weekend getaway. However, airplanes can offer a quicker option to get to a destination at a cheap price.

When searching for a flight, one way to save money on airfare is to browse different websites and check for low fares. Choosing "flexible" dates that are a month or more in advance often helps you find the cheapest fares available, as does being flexible with destinations.

Sites like *expedia.com*, *hotwire.com* and other "low fare" sites can be good tools because they compare the rate of different airlines and offer options that can help balance price and annoyance — a flight to New York City might cost only $75 during a special on a website, but it might involve layovers in Chicago and Atlanta before arriving at the final destination. Websites that compare rates can help users avoid such dilemmas because they usually state the length of any layovers involved in the flight.

Another option is to go directly to an airline's website and purchase tickets through the airline itself. It is important to check and compare prices when doing so, but if the price is comparable, it is worth taking the time to compare added fees and see if using a middle man, like *expedia.com*, is truly cost-effective. When buying through an airline, try to stick with one or two main airlines and sign up for their mileage reward plans.

These plans allow travelers to accumulate points over time, then purchase items ranging from magazine subscriptions to more flights with their points. When using mileage programs, keep in mind that points rarely transfer from one airline to another, so taking many low-mileage trips on several different airlines makes it difficult to accumulate enough points to buy anything.

Manhattan Regional Airport offers a tool on its website for potential flyers to look at what destinations are available from MHK and how much the fares cost. It also has links to purchase flights directly or to compare the prices to other available prices online.

In searching MHK's web site (*ci.manhattan.ks.us*) — as well as *expedia.com* and *farecompare.com* — there were over 20 destinations with fares lower than $250 roundtrip for various lengths of time.

If, when wandering the Internet, a low fare pops up in a town with a relative or even just a cool tourist attraction, give flying a thought and squeeze in a mini-vacation where you can sleep through the travel time instead of driving.

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No guide book needed to travel in cities

Elena Buckner

Striking up a conversation with someone new can provide new experiences

The options are limitless when trying to decide what to do in a new city, but sometimes the sheer variety can be overwhelming. The question then becomes: What is the best way to get a feel for the personality of a place without frantically hitting every suggested stop in a guide book?

One thing that can keep travelers from over-stressing themselves and allow ample time for meeting locals is to avoid planning each moment of the day. Choose one or two things to do throughout the day and have a list of alternatives if nothing fun pops up, but leave time open to stop at a small store or spend an hour or two talking to the friendly person sitting at the next table at a coffee shop.

Spur-of-the-moment conversations can be invaluable in getting to know the heart and soul of a destination; people will know of spots that are community favorites and important issues happening around town, and are often eager to share their home with an interested visitor. Showing genuine curiosity about the city and avoiding negative comments about the city as a whole ("We went to a place for dinner last night and my steak was completely raw" is different from "I don't think anyone knows how to cook in this town; last night I ordered a steak and it was positively disgusting") can encourage residents to open up about the place they live and gives them an incentive to point travelers to the best their town has to offer.

Besides talking to residents, a way to discover a destination that requires no money and no social interaction skills is walking. Put on a good pair of shoes and get a little lost in the place, or, if spending a few dollars is worth saving some energy, take a bus or taxi to a different part of town and get dropped off somewhere that looks interesting. Choose a direction and start wandering, stopping when something seems interesting and continuing when the mood strikes. When finished, meander back to another bus stop or main street where cabs are available. With this approach, it is possible to discover interesting places that are worth either stopping by for a few moments or spending an entire morning or afternoon.

A third method that is often underestimated is a good chat with the concierge. Even at hotels without concierge services, people working at the front desk are paid to be friendly and helpful and are generally willing to give helpful advice. One tip is not to bother them during a particularly busy time — like when several parties are trying to check in or out at the same time. If the lobby is relatively empty, however, walking up to the desk and asking a question in a friendly manner will often lead to useful results. A person working at the front desk might not have the same body of knowledge a concierge does, but they can at least offer the name of a place they like to hang out or relax when stressed.

Whatever the destination, guide books can only take a tourist so far. To receive a more unique experience, step outside the box and talk to the people who know the place best. They are sure to provide at least one interesting pit stop.

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SKI | Ramp intimidating even to seasoned athletes

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he began jumping. The phrase means to bend your knees before the jump, look at the trees while in the air, and hold your position throughout the jump.

Newth described his first jump.

"They towed me towards the ramp," he said. "I thought 'Holy crap, am I really doing this?'" That moment is all part of the excitement, he said.

Before joining the team, Huppert had skied with family and friends, but was more into wakeboarding than water skiing. When he came to K-State, he knew some members of the team and they taught him how to compete.

Recalling his first jump, Huppert said that it was an exciting experience, even though he hit the water and didn't complete the jump. In fact, he said he has still not managed to complete a full jump. That is natural for athletes new to the sport of water skiing.

Newth said most students on the team have to prove themselves in other areas of water skiing before they can begin using the ramp.

Ramps at tournaments are 20 feet long with a 5 1/2-foot drop off at the top, Newth said. The ramps measures 30 feet wide.

"It's a huge structure," Newth said. "It's a lot of fun, but can be intimidating."

This weekend, the team will compete in its first tournament near Springfield, Mo.

VOLLEYBALL | Players solid on both sides of net

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net. In the back row, sophomore Stephanie Klefot, one of the best in the tournament, will be the defensive anchor.

Compare all these players to K-State's senior libero Lauren Mathewson with 4.57 digs per game, senior outside hitter Julianne Chisholm with 3.43 attacks per game, and sophomore middle blocker Alex Muff with 1.39 blocks per game, and the tournament seems pretty evenly matched.

Even though her opponents will be bringing strong competition, Fritz said the numbers do not sit in her mind.

"Maybe it should, but it doesn't. We're going to prepare to the very best of our ability, and we're going to try to put the very best effort forth," Fritz said. "And then we'll see what happens."

PINK | New chapter to get head count next Thursday

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with the announcement of new members for the K-State chapter on Bid Day next Thursday.

"Bid Day is when we will celebrate who will be creating this new chapter for Zeta Tau Alpha at Kansas State," Binford said.

Binford said she currently has no estimate of how many students will be in the new chapter. She said the numbers will reflect the interest level on campus and hopes to see them close to other sorority chapters.

Both Lopez and Binford said they have enjoyed their time here.

"The greek community here has just been phenomenal, just outrageously welcoming throughout the past couple weeks and leading up to our bid day," Lopez said.

IFC | Campus leaders optimistic after talk

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porting to the police station when there is going to be an event at a fraternity house. Several presidents said they were on board for having registered parties, but were concerned with bearing the punishment for noise and underage drinking problems.

Fraternity presidents and officers said they would be willing to work toward some sort of compromise. One idea involves officers reporting problems to the Social Responsibility Council for the fraternities, who would hold an entire chapter responsible for the consequences instead of putting the president at fault.

"I think the right steps are being put into place so that fraternities, sororities and all college students can work with the police department with reasonable parties," said Andrew Huschka, senior in industrial engineering and president of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Other presidents were also happy to have an open discussion with the RCPD.

"I think we're starting to get on the same page," said Russell Propp, senior in constructive science and IFC president. "I think the RCPD is looking to work along with IFC and the fraternities, and the sororities for that fact, on campus, and there's not so much an awkward disconnect with the two groups."

Propp said he thought part of the problem from the beginning was the lack of communication with the RCPD.

"The fraternities thought that they were being attacked, and we looked at the stats, and that's not necessarily the case by any means," he said.

Also present at the meeting was Pat Bosco, vice president for student life. While addressing the problem at hand, Bosco said he felt that some of the frustration was not with the parties being broken up, but the current drinking-age laws.

He encouraged fraternity members to take their concerns up with law enforcement.

"I've been an advocate for examining our present age requirements for quite some time," he said. "However, it doesn't excuse our present state of enforcing the present law and exercising leadership at all the functions."

Bosco said he is happy to see steps being taken to mend the tensions between fraternities and the RCPD.

"I'm not sure this happens on very many campuses, where our local law enforcement officers are willing to come to the campus and talk openly to our student leadership," he said. "I'm cautiously optimistic that we have improved communication among our chapter presidents and law enforcement; that's a tribute to all of those involved, and we'll see what happens."

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